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### **U.S. District Court** District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-01193-JEB

PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC. et al v. DEPARTMENT

**OF JUSTICE** 

Assigned to: Judge James E. Boasberg

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/18/2017

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

**Information Act** 

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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V.

**Defendant** 

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| Date Filed | # | Docket Text   |
|------------|---|---|
| 06/18/2017 | 1 | COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090–4995873) filed by PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., JASON LEOPOLD, RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summons Attorney General, # 3 Summons Department of Justice, # 4 Summons USAO–DC)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 06/18/2017) |
| 06/18/2017 | 2 | LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 06/18/2017)   |
| 06/19/2017 |   | Case Assigned to Judge James E. Boasberg. (jd) (Entered: 06/19/2017)  |

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| 06/19/2017 | <u>3</u>  | SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # 1 Consent Forms)(jd) (Entered: 06/19/2017)  |
|------------|-----------|---|
| 06/23/2017 | 4         | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 06/20/2017., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/20/2017. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/20/2017.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 6/20/2017 (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 06/23/2017)  |
| 07/11/2017 | <u>5</u>  | NOTICE of Appearance by Marina Utgoff Braswell on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 07/11/2017)  |
| 07/20/2017 | <u>6</u>  | ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 07/20/2017)   |
| 07/21/2017 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a proposed briefing schedule by August 4, 2017. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/21/2017. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 07/21/2017)   |
| 07/21/2017 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Meet, confer, and submit a proposed briefing schedule by 8/4/2017. (nbn) (Entered: 07/21/2017)   |
| 08/04/2017 | 7         | Joint STATUS REPORT by JASON LEOPOLD, PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 08/04/2017)   |
| 08/07/2017 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Pursuant to the parties' 7 Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that they provide a further joint status report on or before September 11, 2017. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 8/7/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 08/07/2017)   |
| 09/11/2017 | <u>8</u>  | Joint STATUS REPORT by JASON LEOPOLD, PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 09/11/2017)   |
| 09/11/2017 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Pursuant to the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that they provide a further joint status report on or before October 11, 2017. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 9/11/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 09/11/2017)   |
| 10/11/2017 | 9         | Joint STATUS REPORT by JASON LEOPOLD, PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 10/11/2017)   |
| 10/12/2017 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' 2 Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that: 1) Defendant shall file its Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on or before November 14, 2017; 2) Plaintiffs shall file their Opposition and Cross–Motion on or before December 14, 2017; 3) Defendant shall file its Reply and Opposition on or before January 12, 2018; 4) Plaintiffs shall file their Reply on or before February 1, 2018; and 5) the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before November 14, 2017. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 10/12/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 10/12/2017) |
| 10/12/2017 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/14/2017. Summary Judgment motions due by 11/14/2017. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 12/14/2017. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 1/12/2018. Replies due by 2/1/2018. (nbn) (Entered: 10/12/2017)  |
| 11/13/2017 | <u>10</u> | Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Motion for Summary Judgment in Part</i> by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 11/13/2017)   |
| 11/14/2017 |           | MINUTE ORDER GRANTING <u>10</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. The Court ORDERS that 1) Defendant shall file its Motion for Summary Judgment on or before November 17, 2017; and 2) Plaintiffs shall file their Opposition on or before December 18, 2017. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 11/14/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 11/14/2017)   |
| 11/14/2017 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 11/17/2017. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 12/18/2017. (nbn) (Entered: 11/14/2017)   |
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| 11/14/2017 | 11        | Joint STATUS REPORT by JASON LEOPOLD, PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 11/14/2017)   |
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| 11/14/2017 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report on or before January 12, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 11/14/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 11/14/2017)  |
| 11/14/2017 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/12/2018. (nbn) (Entered: 11/14/2017)  |
| 11/17/2017 | <u>12</u> | MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>in Part</i> by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # 1 Hardy Declaration, # 2 Hardy Declaration – Exhibits)(Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 11/17/2017)  |
| 12/18/2017 | <u>13</u> | Memorandum in opposition to re 12 MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>in Part</i> filed by JASON LEOPOLD, PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1 – FBI file on Fred Trump, # 2 Exhibit 2 – Mercury News article, # 3 Statement of Facts, # 4 Text of Proposed Order)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 12/18/2017) |
| 12/18/2017 | <u>14</u> | Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by JASON LEOPOLD, PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1 – FBI file on Fred Trump, # 2 Exhibit 2 – Mercury News article, # 3 Statement of Facts, # 4 Text of Proposed Order)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 12/18/2017)   |
| 01/10/2018 | <u>15</u> | Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>14</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment , <u>12</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>in Part</i> by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 01/10/2018)  |
| 01/10/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER GRANTING <u>15</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. The Court ORDERS that Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's Cross—Motion for Summary Judgment on or before January 26, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/10/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 01/10/2018)  |
| 01/10/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Responses due by 1/26/2018. (nbn) (Entered: 01/11/2018)  |
| 01/14/2018 | <u>16</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 01/14/2018)  |
| 01/16/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report on or before March 9, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/16/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 01/16/2018)  |
| 01/16/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/9/2018. (nbn) (Entered: 01/16/2018)   |
| 01/26/2018 | <u>17</u> | Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>14</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment , <u>12</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>in Part</i> by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 01/26/2018)  |
| 01/29/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER GRANTING <u>17</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. The Court ORDERS that: 1) Defendant shall file its Response/Reply on or before January 29, 2018; and 2) Plaintiffs shall reply on or before February 26, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/29/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 01/29/2018)                     |
| 01/29/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Responses due by 1/29/2018. Replies due by 2/26/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 01/29/2018)   |
| 01/29/2018 | <u>18</u> | Memorandum in opposition to re <u>14</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts –Response, # <u>2</u> Second Hardy Declaration)(Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 01/29/2018)  |
| 01/29/2018 | <u>19</u> | REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>12</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>in Part</i> filed by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Second Hardy Declaration)(Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 01/29/2018)  |
| 01/29/2018 | <u>20</u> | ENTERED IN ERRORNOTICE of Filing of Second Hardy Declaration by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE re 18 Memorandum in Opposition, 19 Reply to opposition to Motion (Attachments: # 1 Second Hardy Declaration)(Braswell, Marina) Modified on 1/30/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 01/29/2018)  |

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| 01/29/2018 | <u>21</u> | NOTICE of Filing of Second Hardy Declaration by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE re 18 Memorandum in Opposition, 19 Reply to opposition to Motion (Attachments: # 1 Second Hardy Declaration)(Braswell, Marina) Modified on 1/30/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 01/29/2018)                           |
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| 01/30/2018 |           | NOTICE OF CORRECTED DOCKET ENTRY: Docket Entry <u>20</u> Notice (Other) was entered in error and was refiled by counsel as Docket Entry <u>21</u> Notice (Other). (znmw) (Entered: 01/30/2018)   |
| 02/26/2018 | <u>22</u> | REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>14</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by JASON LEOPOLD, PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 – The Washington Post interview transcript)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 02/26/2018) |
| 03/09/2018 | <u>23</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by JASON LEOPOLD, PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 03/09/2018)  |
| 03/12/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' suggestion, the Court ORDERS that they shall submit a further joint status report on or before May 9, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 3/12/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 03/12/2018)  |
| 03/12/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/9/2018. (nbn) (Entered: 03/12/2018)  |
| 04/23/2018 | <u>24</u> | ORDER: The Court ORDERS that: 1) Defendant's <u>12</u> Motion for Partial Summary Judgment is DENIED; and 2) Plaintiffs' <u>14</u> Cross–Motion for Partial Summary Judgment is DENIED. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 4/23/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 04/23/2018)             |
| 04/23/2018 | <u>25</u> | MEMORANDUM OPINION re <u>24</u> Order denying Defendant's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment and Plaintiffs' Cross–Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 4/23/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 04/23/2018)  |
| 05/09/2018 | <u>26</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by JASON LEOPOLD, PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 05/09/2018)  |
| 05/10/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' suggestion, the Court ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report on or before July 13, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 5/10/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 05/10/2018)  |
| 05/10/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/13/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 05/11/2018)  |
| 07/12/2018 | <u>27</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by JASON LEOPOLD, PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 07/12/2018)  |
| 07/13/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' suggestion, the Court ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report on or before September 6, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/13/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 07/13/2018)  |
| 07/13/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/6/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 07/13/2018)   |
| 09/06/2018 | <u>28</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by JASON LEOPOLD, PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 09/06/2018)  |
| 09/07/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' suggestion, the Court ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report on or before October 16, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 9/7/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 09/07/2018)  |
| 09/07/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/16/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 09/07/2018)   |
| 10/16/2018 | <u>29</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by JASON LEOPOLD, PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 10/16/2018)  |
| 10/16/2018 | <u>30</u> | ERRATA by JASON LEOPOLD, PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO <u>29</u> Status Report filed by PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., JASON LEOPOLD, RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Corrected JSR)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 10/16/2018)                    |

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| 10/17/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties [30–1] Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that: 1) Defendant shall file its Motion for Summary Judgment by December 12, 2018; 2) Plaintiffs shall file their Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment and their Cross–Motion for Summary Judgment by January 3, 2019; 3) Defendant shall file its Reply in Support of its Motion for Summary Judgment and its Opposition to Plaintiffs' Cross–Motion for Summary Judgment by January 31, 2019; and 4) Plaintiffs shall file their Reply in Support of their Cross–Motion for Summary Judgment by February 14, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 10/17/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 10/17/2018) |
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| 10/17/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 12/12/2018. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 1/3/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 1/31/2019. Replies due by 2/14/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 10/17/2018)   |
| 12/11/2018 | <u>31</u> | Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Dispositive Motion</i> by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 12/11/2018)  |
| 12/11/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER GRANTING 31 Motion for Extension of Time to File. The Court ORDERS that: 1) Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment by January 10, 2019; 2) Plaintiffs shall file their opposition to Defendant's motion and their cross—motion by February 1, 2019; 3) Defendant shall file its reply as to its motion and its opposition as to Plaintiffs' cross—motion by March 1, 2019; and 4) Plaintiffs shall file their reply as to their motion by March 15, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 12/11/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 12/11/2018)  |
| 12/11/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 1/10/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 2/1/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 3/1/2019. Replies due by 3/15/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 12/13/2018)   |
| 01/08/2019 | <u>32</u> | Unopposed MOTION to Stay ( <i>Defendant's Unopposed Motion to Stay Proceedings in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> ) by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 01/08/2019)  |
| 01/08/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER GRANTING Defendant's <u>32</u> Motion to Stay. The Court ORDERS that: 1) The case is STAYED; 2) Defendant shall notify the Court within two days after Congress has appropriated funds for the Department; 3) All current deadlines shall be extended commensurate with the calendar day duration of the appropriations lapse. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/8/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 01/08/2019)   |
| 01/30/2019 | <u>33</u> | NOTICE of Restored Government Funding by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 01/30/2019)   |
| 02/06/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the parties shall submit a joint proposed briefing schedule by February 11, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 2/6/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 02/06/2019)   |
| 02/06/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 2/11/2019 (lsj) (Entered: 02/06/2019)  |